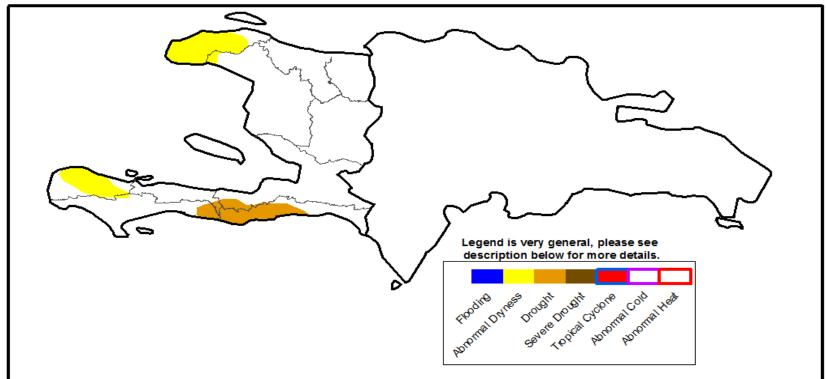


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook September 12 – September 18, 2013

Heavy rain associated with the remnants of Tropical Storm Gabrielle impacted eastern Dominican Republic.



During the past week, heavy rain (>50mm) was observed across central Haiti and eastern portions of the Dominican Republic. The highest precipitation totals (>60mm) were located across the eastern half of the Dominican Republic and were associated with the passage of the remnants of Tropical Storm Gabrielle. The locally torrential rains, 80mm in far eastern Dominican Republic, were sufficient enough to potentially cause localized flooding. Heavy rains were also recorded in northwest Haiti, alleviating some dryness concerns. Elsewhere, lighter rains (<25mm) were observed across the southwest peninsula of Haiti. Dry conditions have persisted in much of the Nord-Ouest, Grand Anse, Sud, Nippers, Ouest and Sud-Est departments for the past two months leading to strengthening moisture deficits and poor ground conditions. The worst dryness has occurred in the Sud, Sud-Est departments where a lack of rain has negatively impacted cropping activities. For the next week, a reduction in rainfall is expected across Hispaniola. Moderate rain (10-30mm) is forecast for central Dominican Republic with light rains expected elsewhere. The below-average rains in Haiti should continue dryness concerns.